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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES LUBUMBASHI'S REPORTING ON THE STATUS OF THE KOLWEZI MINES AND PROCESSING FACILITIES. HOWEVER, THERE IS SOME SKEPTICISM IN WASHINGTON OF ROSY PICTURE REPORTED TO VICE CONSUL BY GECAMINES OFFICIALS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(REFTEL). DEPARTMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN AN INDEPENDENT TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE MINES.

2. WITH THIS IN MIND WE PROPOSE THAT REGIONAL MINERALS ATTACHE CHARLES SWEETWOOD, WHO IS BASED IN JOHANNESBURG, VISIT THE GECAMINES FACILITIES FOR A WALKTHROUGH INSPECTION TOUR OF MINES AND PROCESSING FACILITIES.

SWEETWOOD MAY BE JOINEDBY EXPERT FROM BUREAU OF MINES FOR PLANT AND MINE INSPECTION IN KOLWEZI.

- 3. FOR KINSHASA AND LUBUMBASHI: WE REALIZE THERE COULD BE POLITICAL PROBLEMS POSED BY SWEETWOOD'S VISIT DUE TO SOUTH AFRICAN RESIDENCY, BUT WE WOULD ASSUME THAT THESE WOULD BE MANAGEABLE.
- 4. FOR JOHANNESBURG: POST'S COST ESTIMATES FOR VISIT INCLUDING, AIRFARE AND PERDIEM, SHOULD BE PROVIDED EB/EX. IF APPROVED, FISCAL DATA WILL BE PROVIDED TO POST BY SEPTEL. VANCE

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